

### **DETAILED ACTION**

Claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, and 14 are pending in the instant application.

Claims 2-3, 7, and 9-10 have been canceled.

#### ***Response After Final***

Applicant's response and amendment to the claims filed on 2/25/2010 are acknowledged. The rejections and objections made in the previous office action are withdrawn in view of the amendment to the claims and response.

#### ***Reasons for Allowance***

The present invention is directed to a process of making a metal complex of formula (I), by reacting metal fragments (XI) with a compound of formula (II) or (III) in the present of a metal of Group VI to X. The closest prior art of record is McGuinness, et al., (JACS, Vol. 123(34), 2001, which teaches a similar process but the instant claims do not read on the use of a Group X metal for making imidazolium compounds. Therefore, the instantly claimed process is allowable over the prior art.

#### ***Telephone Inquiry***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Susannah Chung whose telephone number is (571) 272-6098. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane can be reached on (571) 272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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